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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the week. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to very good. Supplies were closely balanced to tight and held with increased confidence. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to tight and demand was moderate to good. Spent hen availability was light to about sufficient for normal to less than normal slaughter schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** All prices were higher. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Retail demand was good to very good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were tight for all sizes. Central states nest run breaking stock prices ranged unchanged with checks and undergrades higher. Offerings were tight with resistance to higher prices beginning to be seen from potential buyers. Demand was mostly fairly good. Floor stocks tight to in close balance. Trade sentiment steady with a firm undertone.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	107-118	112-115
LARGE	108-116	109-114
MEDIUM	90-98	93-95

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	92-96
MEDIUM	74-78
SMALL	43-47

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were sharply higher on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was firm entering the week. Demand into all channels ranged moderate to good. Supplies were closely balanced to tight and held with increased confidence. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to tight and demand was moderate to good. Light type hens were light to about adequate for normal to less than normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	114-128	116-121
LARGE	110-125	115-119
MEDIUM	91-106	96-98

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were sharply higher. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Retail demand was good to very good. Food service movement was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were tight for all sizes. Central states nest run breaking stock prices ranged unchanged with checks and undergrades higher. Offerings were tight with resistance to higher prices beginning to be seen from potential buyers. Demand was mostly fairly good. Floor stocks tight to in close balance. Trade sentiment steady with a firm undertone.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	114.5-123	116-119
LARGE	113.5-122	115-118
MEDIUM	94.5-103	96-99

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were sharply higher when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was firm entering the week. Retail demand was good to very good. Supplies were in balance to mostly tight and held with extreme confidence. Breaking stock supplies ranged adequate to tight for the moderate to good demand. Spent hen offerings were light to about adequate for normal to less than normal slaughter schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	103.25-122	116-119
LARGE	101.25-120	114-117
MEDIUM	88.25-100	93-97

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices increased 1 cent on medium and larger sizes. Trade sentiment was firm. Demand was good. Supplies were in very close balance to tight for trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	126-130
LARGE	124-128
MEDIUM	105-109

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes advanced 1 cent. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good. Supplies tight to closely balanced.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	115-121
LARGE	114-119
MEDIUM	97-104

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**WESTERN** Prices 10 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 7-8 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 3% higher than last Monday with California up 9% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 7%. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings light.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 10 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 8 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 9% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings light. Small benchmark price 109. Ads in Northern California: major-extra large 18 pack 299, large 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free.

	RANGE
JUMBO	153
EXTRA LARGE	152
LARGE	147
MEDIUM	129

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	299-339	JUMBO	299-349
EXTRA LARGE	289-329	EXTRA LARGE	279-329
LARGE	229-289	LARGE	239-309
MEDIUM	129-269	MEDIUM	209-269

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 21, 2003 will increase by 17 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 14, 2003 were 201,777 cases which was 32 percent below the prior week and 17 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	162,610	39,167	201,777

% change from the -37 +4 -32  
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 15 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged with checks and undergrades higher. Offerings were tight with resistance to higher values beginning to be seen from potential buyers. Demand was mostly fairly good. Floor stocks tight to in close balance. Trade sentiment steady with a firm undertone. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	85-88	88
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	74-79	74

CENTRAL STATES AREA:  
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the about adequate offerings. Supplies of finished product were well cleared. Processing schedules were less than normal to normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-NOV-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.45
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Finished sales were good with processing schedules as desired. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-NOV-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.67

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-NOV 17, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Ne	So	So	5-Area		
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.8	15.3	9.5	11.7	11.9	57.2
	Change	0.7	-1.1	0.9	1.7	1.1	6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.6	44.8	13.4	23.0	42.2	150.0
	Change	-1.6	-2.1	-1.1	2.7	5.1	2%
Large	Curr Wk	54.0	106.4	94.2	129.7	122.1	506.4
	Change	-2.9	4.6	13.5	25.4	1.6	9%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.8	53.7	14.0	26.3	35.6	144.4
	Change	0.4	0.5	-0.9	1.4	5.4	5%
Small	Curr Wk	4.6	6.9	2.3	5.4	2.7	21.9
	Change	0.6	-0.5	1.1	-0.4	-1.1	-1%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.3	24.8	8.7	13.5	5.9	56.2
	Change	-2.0	1.9	1.2	1.0	0.1	4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	16.4	27.0	17.5	33.8	29.5	124.2
	Change	-6.5	1.3	-0.1	2.4	-5.2	-6%
Total	Curr Wk	128.5	278.9	159.6	243.4	249.9	1060.3
Percent	Change	-8%	2%	10%	16%	3%	5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1060.3	5%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	211.0	-15%	36
Total Shell Egg	1271.3	1%	207

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 03, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	197.2	194.1	185.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING NOVEMBER 03, 2003 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2003

CURRENT LOADS							15.00	FUTURE LOADS							16.50	TOTAL LOADS							31.50
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST								
GNR W 1	93.00	—	105.00	106.00	—	—	13.00		GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00							
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		GNR BR 1	101.00	—	—	—	—	—	.50							
GL W J	—	—	112.00	114.00	—	—	2.00		GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00							
GL W XL	—	—	112.00	114.00	105.00	—	1.50		GL W XL	112.67	—	—	—	—	118.33	3.50							
GL W LG	—	—	108.00	109.00	104.00	—	2.50		GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	116.00	1.50							
GL W MD	—	—	90.00	91.00	—	—	2.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00																

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/10/03-11/14/03

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
63.50								84.00								147.50							
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW											
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W XL	—	—	100.25	101.25	—	—	2.00	GNR W 1	100.00	99.80	—	—	—	—	7.00								
GNR W 1	92.00	99.80	99.83	100.50	—	102.00	30.00	GNR BR 1	101.00	—	—	—	—	—	.50								
GNR W 2	—	—	—	87.00	83.00	91.00	6.00	GL W J	111.00	110.00	—	—	—	117.00	2.50								
GNR W 3	—	—	64.00	66.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	112.26	110.44	113.00	—	—	116.22	15.50								
GL W J	—	—	111.50	116.00	—	—	4.00	GL W LG	106.00	109.40	112.00	—	—	114.00	16.50								
GL W XL	—	112.00	108.20	110.41	105.52	106.50	33.25	GL W MD	84.00	86.50	—	88.75	—	91.00	5.00								
GL W LG	—	109.62	108.00	111.00	103.91	—	28.75	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	68.00	1.00								
GL W MD	85.36	—	86.25	89.00	82.88	84.67	14.75	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00								
GL W SM	—	—	58.00	—	—	—	1.00																
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	88.00	87.00	89.12	37.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	80.70	9.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	62.00	72.44	7.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	11/10/03	11/03/03	11/11/02
PACIFIC COAST	97	99	392
LOS ANGELES	51	51	329

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on small and higher on the balance.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	132.79
LARGE	131.53
MEDIUM	111.79
SMALL	82.00

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland: 11/02/03-11/08/03

30-dozen case **UNAVAILABLE**

Receipts from the mainland: 10/26/03-11/01/03

30-dozen case **UNAVAILABLE**

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**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 11/13/2003

Report Period: 11/02/2003 - 11/08/2003

	Number Cases Shipped to	Number Cases Shipped to	Number Cases shipped to	Total State
State	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	
Arizona	0	0	1,536	1,536
Arkansas	0	0	500	500
Colorado	0	1,620	3,190	4,810
Florida	0	0	720	720
Illinois	0	0	780	780
Indiana	0	0	2,500	2,500
Iowa	4,660	3,120	61,238	69,018
Maine	0	0	780	780
Michigan	0	0	936	936
Minnesota	2,255	0	14,026	16,281
Missouri	0	0	2,260	2,260
Nevada	0	0	998	998
New Hampshire	0	0	840	840
North Carolina	792	0	0	792
Ohio	0	0	1,790	1,790
Oregon	2,557	488	1,620	4,665
South Dakota	700	0	0	700
Texas	0	400	1,670	2,070
Utah	2,403	2,190	10,053	14,646
Washington	0	780	0	780
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,367</b>	<b>8,598</b>	<b>105,437</b>	<b>127,402</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY</b>	<b>13,367</b>	<b>8,598</b>	<b>105,437</b>	<b>127,402</b>